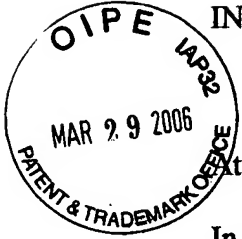


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AMENDMENT

Dear Examiner Lockett:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 25, 2006. Applicant hereby amends, as follows: